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Our Mission Statement

The Cathedral Community is a Roman Catholic parish of the Diocese of Rochester that gathers and worships at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We are an ethnically, racially and economically diverse community with unique gifts and challenges within an urban neighborhood.

Our mission is to reach out with hope to all in our community, neighborhood and beyond, to proclaim the Gospel with joy and enthusiasm, and to prepare disciples who will go forth to serve God and others, especially the poor, with mercy and compassion.

MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

Celebration of the Eucharist

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:10 pm
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00, 9:15, 11:15 am & 5:00 pm

Celebration of Penance

Friday 4:45 - 5:15 pm
Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 pm

September 27, 2020

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

At this time, we are NOT celebrating weekday mass on Tuesday and Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. We will keep you informed when these masses will resume on these days. Thank you.



Pastoral Perspectives

On August 31, 1982, John Leary was jogging home from his job at the Pax Christi Center in Cambridge to Haley

House, the Catholic Worker community in Boston where he lived. It was a run he made every day. But this day, he did not complete the trip. Without warning, he went into cardiac arrest and died almost instantly. He was twenty-four years old. In subsequent days and at his funeral at a Cathedral in Boston his friends were shocked not only by the brevity of his life cut short, but also for all that he had accomplished and for the many lives he had touched in such a short time.

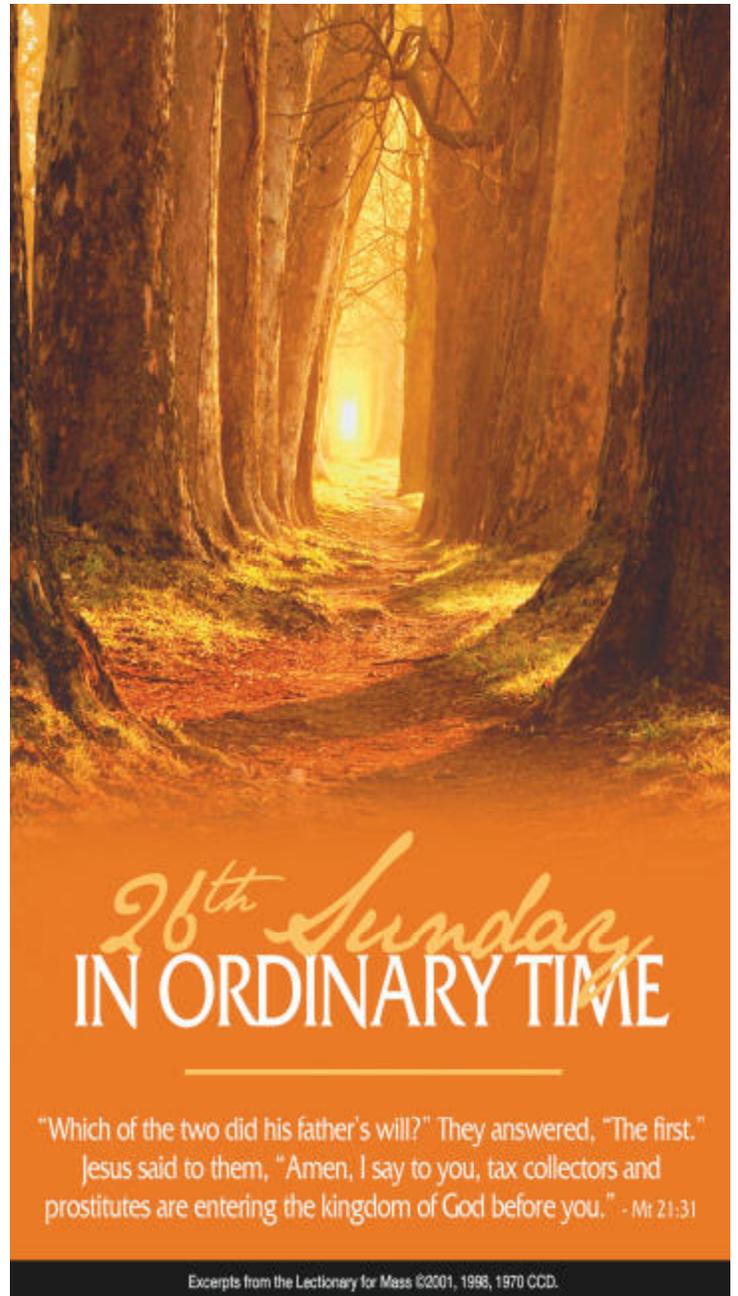
It was well known that John divided his time between peace work at the Pax Christi Center and his life of community among the poor at Haley House. But these were only a small part of his many activities on behalf of peace and justice. During the six years since he had arrived in Boston as a student at Harvard College he had worked with prisoners, the homeless, and the elderly. He had engaged in protests over the military draft, capital punishment, and abortion. He regarded all such issues to be joined in a "seamless garment" approach to the defense of human life. Not everyone agreed with his every stand. But no one who met John Leary could fail to admire his idealism and his heroic determination to put his ideals into action.

Anyone meeting John Leary, it was said, was struck by his joyfulness, his modesty, and a wisdom that belied his youth.

Jesus said: "Anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve."

John Leary spent long hours reading the bible, said the rosary, and made frequent retreats at a local Trappist monastery.

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"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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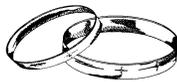
He revealed to a friend that while jogging he liked to recite the Jesus prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner." It is likely that he was reciting this prayer at the time of his death.

What was the meaning of this short life? According to a friend, "John ... discovered that life had no purpose, no meaning, no direction, and no focus apart from the purpose and focus of God. He became in his short life the complete and total man for others, and those who knew him and loved him testify to the love of Christ that shone in and through him. "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus."

- *Thought for the week:* Don't think you're right or wrong because a few people agree or disagree with you.
- *Smile for the week:* How do you make a milkshake? Give a cow a pogo stick!

God bless! Have a wonderful week!
Fr. Kevin McKenna

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Marc Funderlich & Noemie Long
Vincent Amuso & Macala Gallow
Mark Houser & Lisa Hosein

Please keep their future happiness in your prayers.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



In your charity, please pray for
Joan Armstrong and all of our deceased.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.*



Elliana Rose Arnold

*We welcome our newly baptized into
our parish community!*



Scripture Study for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 4, 2020, is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings will be Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; and Matthew 21:33-43.

When the readings were chosen for the cycle of Sunday scriptures, the Gospel readings were selected first. Then the readings from the Old Testament were chosen to complement the Gospel and to emphasize the connection between what happens in the Old and New Testaments. Next Sunday's Old Testament reading from Isaiah and Gospel reading from Matthew both use the vineyard imagery that would have been so familiar to ancient listeners. We hear about vineyard owners who go to great lengths to prepare their land for a fruitful harvest. They dig, fertilize and plant. They build vats and hedges and watchtowers for protection. Then they wait for the vineyard to flourish. In the account from Isaiah, wild grapes take over the vineyard; in Jesus' parable, the tenant farmers attack the messengers sent by vineyard owner and they kill his son.

Isaiah's description would have challenged the people of Israel to recognize themselves in what he describes. God planted his word in the people of Judah, but they resisted all that God did for them. They rejected the fruitful relationship God wished to have with them. In the parable that Jesus tells to the religious leaders of his day, the vineyard owner is anxious for his harvest. But in this account the tenant farmers attack the owner's servants and kill his son. Jesus concludes his parable by saying "[God] will...lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times... Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

The current "tenants" in the vineyard are those who follow Christ. God now depends on **us** for a fruitful harvest. These readings challenge us to ask ourselves "What am I doing to thoughtfully tend and nurture the vineyard God has entrusted to me?" "How am I working towards the bountiful harvest that God desires?"

Rose Davis

Learning about our Catholic Faith during the Covid Pandemic

All of the various programs that our parish typically provides for teaching our faith and preparing for sacramental celebrations continue during Covid time. We are working hard, creating virtual versions of our Religious Education for children, as well as the RCIA process, and First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation. All of these programs will be up and running by mid October.

If you or your family members are interested in any of the above classes, please call the office at (585) 254-3221 and a staff member will get back to you.



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Saturday, September 26, 2020

Ecc 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

- 4:00 pm Peter Prinzing—Wife, Nancy
John Kirkey—Karen & Bob Lanzillo

Sunday, September 27, 2020—26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

- 7:00 am Robert Gotham—Family
- 9:15 am Carmel Adams—Patricia & Jose Justicia-Linde
- 11:15 am Lorraine Johnson—Daughter, Candice
- 5:00 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community

Monday, September 28, 2020

Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

- 12:10 pm Deceased relatives of the Bolands—Julie & Dave

Tuesday, September 29, 2020—Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30, 2020—Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

- 12:10 pm Joan White—Mickey Culhane

Thursday, October 1, 2020—Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 19-21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 2, 2020—The Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40-3-5; Mt 18:1-5

- 12:10 pm Mary Lena Burgess—Tom & Brenda Maguire

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12:17; Lk 10:17-24

- 4:00 pm John & Frances Bisognano—Family
Michael & Beverly Russo-Mattle—Patty Fredericks
Gloria Palumbo & Carol Ferris—Debbie Ferris

Sunday, October 4, 2020—27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

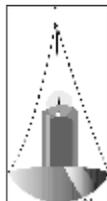
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- 7:00 am Mary Jo Whalen—Family
- 9:15 am Ron Sodke—Sandy & Karen
Robert G. Fritts—Tom O'Brien & Jean Lawrence
- 11:15 am Richard Aaron Roehrig—Family
- 5:00 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory Of — David Abbott Sr.
Requested by — Michele & Jim Kelly

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 For September 19 & 20, 2020**

| Actual | Goal | Variance |
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